

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 171 - HB 1646**

April 28, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Enacts the "Efficiency in Government Act of 2003" which requires every state governmental entity that requires information for any person or entity to respond to such person or entity within the same amount of time the governmental entity has demanded from such person or entity. Requires every state governmental entity that receives a response from a person or entity in a timely manner to notify such person as to whether or not the response was satisfactory. Prohibits a state governmental entity that does not respond to a person or entity as required by the provisions of the bill from taking any adverse action or position against such person or entity based upon the information provided by them.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$5,000,000 Recurring**  
**Exceeds \$1,000,000 One-Time**  
**Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$1,000,000**

Estimate assumes:

- most state agencies would require additional personnel to process information in the allotted time and provide the required notification with an increase in state expenditures for salary and benefits, office space and supplies.
- one-time expenditures for office equipment and training for additional personnel.
- significant additional postage and printing costs to provide the required notifications.
- significant one-time costs for computer system changes or development of new systems in most departments to handle the volume of correspondence and the notification requirements of the bill. Additional recurring computer system maintenance costs estimated to be significant.
- increase in expenditures for TennCare as a result of enrollees being able to remain on the program regardless of their eligibility.
- decrease in state revenues from fines, civil penalties and other sources that might not be collected under the provisions of the bill as a result of prohibiting adverse action where persons or entities did not receive timely notification estimated to exceed \$1,000,000 from all state governmental entities.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director